CELEBRATION OF LIFE

For

GERTRUDE SIMS MANLEY

Tuesday, September 20, 1988
10:00 A.M.

Emmanuel Church of God in Christ
1397 East 33rd Street
Los Angeles, California

Bishop Benjamin J. Crouch
Officiant

PALLBEARERS

BRO. BILL GREEN
BRO. RONNIE RICHARDS
BRO. HOMER RICHMOND
BRO. JAMES SKINNER
BRO. JEROME WALKER
BRO. ANTHONY WHITE

I Have A Place In Heaven

Please don't sing sad songs for me.
Forget your grief and fears,
For I am in a perfect place,
Away from pain and tears . . .
I'm far away from hunger,
And hurt and want and pride.
I have a place in heaven,
With the Master at my side.
My life on earth was very good,
As earthly lives can go,
But Paradise is so much more
Than anyone can know . . .
My heart is filled with happiness,
And sweet rejoicing, too.
To walk with God is perfect peace, a joy forever new.

PRECIOUS MEMORIES

Lord, we thank you for a loving wife, a beautiful mother, and a true friend to all who knew her.

MRS. GERTRUDE SIMS MANLEY was born February 24, 1925 to Mr. & Mrs. Fred W. Sims, Sr. in Los Angeles, California. As a child she was educated in the Los Angeles City School System and continued to graduation from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1942.

Upon graduation from high school, she accepted the Lord as her personal Savior in fulfillment of her promise to the Lord made in her early teen years. She placed her membership at the Emmanuel Church of God in Christ under the leadership of the late Bishop Samuel M. Crouch.

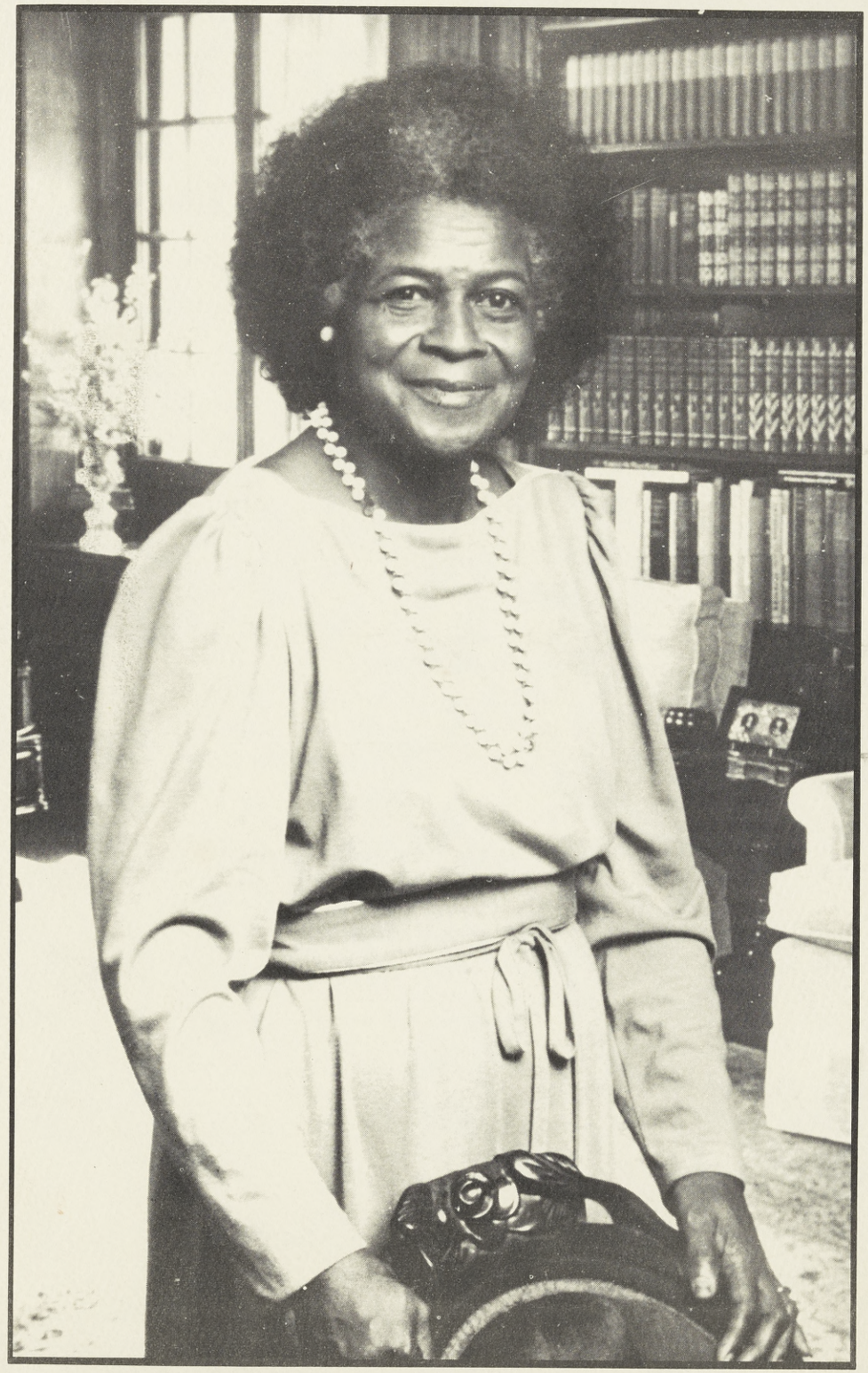
In 1943, Gertrude met the Rev. Eddie B. Manley. They held hands in holy wedlock on July 25, 1945. Answering the call of the Lord, her husband began what is now the Greater Community Church of God in Christ. Here, she did the work of the Lord in word and deed, making melody in song vocally and instrumentally. Whatever her hands found to do, she did it to aid in the building of their church.

To this union were added four lives to nurture and train in the love and admonition of the Lord. She was a "strong woman" with a relentless Christian will for her children and all she came in contact with.

As the shepherd of her soul led her home, even to the valley of the shadow of death, she feared no evil because God was with her . . . and now she dwells in the house of the Lord, forever. On Thursday morning, September 15, 1988, she was relieved of all earthly ties, duties and responsibilities. She went home to be eternally with the Lord and Savior.

She leaves to cherish her memories: a devoted husband, Rev. Eddie B. Manley; two daughters, Trudi J. Taphia, Melba Linnea Neal; two sons, Lawrence Fredrick Manley, Arnold Edward Manley; a loving mother, Mrs. Ruth L. Sims; one sister, Mrs. Beulah S. Dow; one brother, Mr. Fred W. Sims, Jr.; an aunt and uncle, Mr. & Mrs. John C. Sims; and an aunt, Mrs. Camella Sims; seven granddaughters, one grandson, seven great granddaughters, two great grandsons; a host of relatives and friends.

The suffering is over, there is peace in the valley. She can truly rest in peace.



IN PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

PARTING VIEW

PROCESSIONAL

SELECTION ..... Greater Community Church Choir

PRAYER ..... Supt. Craig L. Grandee

SCRIPTURES

New Testament — Matt. 5:34-37
Old Testament — Psalm 27:1-4

SOLO—"Yes Lord" ..... Sis. Linnea Neal

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
AND RESOLUTIONS ..... Sis. Debra Freazier

SOLO ..... Eld. Alford Joseph
"Life Is Like A Mountain Railroad"

TRIBUTE ..... Mother Mavis White
of Greater Community Church

SOLO—"To God Be The Glory" ..... Annetta Duarte

REMARKS (3 Minutes)
Mr. Ivory Herd - Eld. George Brown
Eld. Clevester Williams - Eld. Thomas Cash

SELECTION ..... Greater Community Church Choir

REMARKS (3 Minutes)
Ms. Gertie M. Houston - Dr. Henry S. Byars
Dr. Leonard Lovett - Eld. Leroy R. Mardis

PRECIOUS MEMORIES (Read Silently)

SOLO ..... Bro. John Hale

EULOGY ..... Eld. Langston White

RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT

Inglewood Park Cemetery

Angelus Funeral Home

Directors in Charge